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CLINICA ROMERO CEO CARLOS VAQUERANO RESPONDS TO IMMIGRANTS SENT TO LOS ANGELES BY TEXAS GOVERNOR GREG ABBOT

Clínica Romero Opens Its Arms to All Who Need Medical Care

(Los Angeles, CA)—“Clínica Romero opens its arms and welcomes all who need medical care. We are fully prepared to meet the needs of the newly arrived immigrants. The cruelty shown by the Governors of Texas, Greg Abbot, and Florida, Ron DeSantis, in promoting and encouraging the deportation of human beings who have fled their violent countries and sought asylum in the United States reminds us of the most backward historical moments in this country's immigration policies. Therefore we need to respond with solidarity, compassion, and love.

Clínica Romero was founded in 1983 by a handful of Salvadoran refugees who, like me, had fled the brutal civil war in El Salvador. Rather than focusing on their own lives and in the face of adversity, they used their skills and talents to address their most pressing needs. We are a testament to immigrants' important contributions to the United States. We now serve more than 18,000 people, thanks to the visionaries who founded our clinic.

Our namesake, Monseñor Oscar A. Romero, loved and fiercely defended the poor and the most vulnerable in society. So, it is only natural that we stand with the migrants and speak out on their behalf at this critical moment. The border, especially in the southwest, has become a high-conflict zone, and we call on all humanitarian and faith-based organizations to remain vigilant and to accompany migrants on their journey.

Clínica Romero will care for and treat all immigrants who need us, regardless of their legal status. We will not shy away from doing what is morally right for the least of our brothers and sisters. We will continue to speak up when we see injustice, wherever that injustice comes from.

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About Clínica Romero: Clínica Romero, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), was established in 1983 in Los Angeles County to improve the availability, accessibility, and coordination of primary and preventive healthcare for recent Salvadoran immigrant families that did not have medical coverage. Today, it proudly serves the greater Latino community and others. Named after Monseñor Oscar A. Romero, the former archbishop of El Salvador, who championed the poor and spoke out against social injustice, Clínica Romero continues his legacy of love, compassion, and respect. Health care is a human right.